

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A punctal ~~Punctal~~ plug comprising: a shaft: a brim and a tip portion attached to both ends of said shaft, wherein a thin member is attached to at least one out of the shaft, the brim and the tip portion to pull out the brim lodged inside a lacrimal duct.
2. (Currently Amended) A punctal ~~Punctal~~ plug as defined in claim 1 wherein the thin member is thread 0.05 mm or less in diameter.
3. (Currently Amended) A punctal ~~Punctal~~ plug as defined in claim 1 ~~or 2~~ wherein the brim is disc shaped and the diameter of the brim is far smaller than the maximum value of the diameter of the tip portion.
4. (Currently Amended) A punctal ~~Punctal~~ plug as defined in claim 1 ~~or 2~~ wherein the diameter of the brim is 0.4 mm or less.
5. (Currently Amended) A punctal ~~Punctal~~ plug as defined in claim 1, ~~2, 3 or 4~~, wherein a protuberance is attached to the tip portion.
6. (Currently Amended) A punctal ~~Punctal~~ plug as defined in claim 3 ~~or 4~~, wherein the thin member is thread 0.05 mm or less in diameter.

7. (Currently Amended) A punctal ~~Punctal~~ plug as defined in claim 1, ~~2, 3, 4, 5 or 6,~~ wherein the brim, the shaft and the tip of the lumen are reinforced by a reinforcement member.

8. (New) A punctal plug as defined in claim 2 wherein the brim is disc shaped and the diameter of the brim is far smaller than the maximum value of the diameter of the tip portion.

9. (New) A punctal plug as defined in claim 2 wherein the diameter of the brim is 0.4 mm or less.

10. (New) A punctal plug as defined in claim 2, wherein a protuberance is attached to the tip portion.

11. (New) A punctal plug as defined in claim 3, wherein a protuberance is attached to the tip portion.

12. (New) A punctal plug as defined in claim 4, wherein a protuberance is attached to the tip portion.

13. (New) A punctal plug as defined in claim 4, wherein the thin member is thread 0.05 mm or less in diameter.

14. (New) A punctal plug as defined in claim 2, wherein the brim, the shaft and the tip of the lumen are reinforced by a reinforcement member.

15. (New) A punctal plug as defined in claim 3, wherein the brim, the shaft and the tip of the lumen are reinforced by a reinforcement member.

16. (New) A punctal plug as defined in claim 4, wherein the brim, the shaft and the tip of the lumen are reinforced by a reinforcement member.

17. (New) A punctal plug as defined in claim 5, wherein the brim, the shaft and the tip of the lumen are reinforced by a reinforcement member.

18. (New) A punctal plug as defined in claim 6, wherein the brim, the shaft and the tip of the lumen are reinforced by a reinforcement member.

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